

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—We will now take up the Land Acquisition (Mysore Extension and Amendment) Bill.

MEMBER'S REPRESENTATION

SRI J. B. MALLARADHYA.—We did not consider this Bill in the Business Advisory Committee meeting; but the Chief Minister wanted this Bill to be discussed on the floor of the House in view of the urgency and importance. But we would like to know what is the time allotted for the discussion of this Bill and how soon we can finish. Because it is in view of the flood relief measures, they said that they have got to acquire lands and take possession and therefore this matter is urgent. I agree on behalf of the Opposition to allow discussion to take place on this Bill, but let us know the time allotted.

†SRI KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—We will sit till one o'clock or 1-30. It is an urgent measure. In several districts, people have been displaced on account of the recent floods. There is no provision in the existing law to secure possession of the land immediately. Therefore, a provision has been incorporated in the Bill passed by the Upper House. To enable the Deputy Commissioners to take temporary possession of the land without complying with the formalities prescribed under the Land Acquisition Act. So it is a very useful provision just at this juncture. There is no controversy with regard to other provisions. The other provisions are modelled on the recommendation of the Law Commission Tenth Report of the Law Commission. The Honourable Members are aware that the Bill was discussed here before it was referred to a Joint Select Committee. At present, there are different land acquisition laws in different areas of the State. In some regions like old Mysore and Hyderabad, there are separate Acts passed by the Legislature of different regions in the erstwhile Mysore State and in Hyderabad State. In other regions the Central land acquisition law has been modified by the local amendments. So the idea is to enact uniform law on the subject of land acquisition and at the same time minimise the delay in the acquisition of lands. At present there are complaints to the effect that is inordinate delay in the disposal of acquisition cases.

SRI V. SRINIVASA SHETTY.—When did the Government realise the necessity of passing it so urgently?

SRI KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—We realised only a week back. I have submitted that the measure is very necessary in view of the.....

SRI V. SRINIVASA SHETTY.—Why did you introduce the Bill only a week back?

SRI KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—The Joint Select Committee Report was pending before the Legislative Council. It will be placed before this House only after it is passed by the Council. We have taken prompt

action. As soon as the flood situation arose, we thought it desirable to pass that Bill. The Legislative Council has passed.....

Sri V. SRINIVASA SHETTY.—Why not we take it up on Monday ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—On Monday we are not sitting. It is only on the basis of the understanding that the Opposition will agree after consulting the Leader of the Opposition we have placed this on the agenda of this House to-day.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—When this matter was discussed with me by the Chief Minister, he made it clear that the matter came up before the Council during this session which commenced its session from the 19th and this particular amendment which is sought to be introduced in this House was approved and accepted by the Council only day before yesterday. It is in view of that and because of the importance of the Bill and the urgency, I agreed that it might be taken up for discussion. But we want to know what is the time that is going to be allotted; is it possible for us to finish the Bill to-day or will you take it up on Monday ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—The Leader of the Opposition knows that Members have already made arrangements to go to their places. We can sit till 1-30 and pass this Bill. There should be some sanctity for the words of the Leader of the Opposition.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—I want to make one statement with respect to what the Revenue Minister said. When I discussed this matter and agreed with the Chief Minister, at no time did I agree to the extension or the giving of a recess for the session. We on the Opposition never agreed to the adjournment of the work of this House to 22nd August. Surely, the Members of the Opposition are willing to discuss this. Does it mean to say that one day or two days, delay matters a great deal. The passing of this Bill is more important than going back to their houses. We are prepared to sit longer...

THE LAND ACQUISITION (MYSORE EXTENSION AND AMENDMENT) BILL, 1961

Motion to Consider

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—It is too late to consider the question of sitting to-morrow or day after to-morrow. Under the peculiar circumstances, I would appeal to the Members of the Opposition to agree to pass this measure to-day itself.

I beg to move.—

“That the Land Acquisition (Mysore Extension and Amendment) Bill, 1961 as passed by the Legislative Council, be taken into consideration.”